

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
March, 2009

The March 2009 NVBA Board meeting was held on Tuesday, March 3, at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna. Those attending were: President Leo Cardillo, Vice President Alan Breed, Treasurer Livingston Johnson, Secretary Marge Gazzola, Board members Bruce Houston, Herb Fallin, Jennifer Nisenoff and Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy. Ron Kral and Jim Dick were absent. Leo called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Old Business

Minutes: Bruce made a motion to accept the February 2009 minutes as amended, Jennifer seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Livingston distributed a balance sheet reporting \$32,498 in total equity, and a line item report showing income and expenditures from May 2008 to March 2009 broken down by Unit Game, Sectionals and Misc. & Overhead. Board members discussed the need to identify all expenditures by line item NVBA owes WBL about \$700 for GNT expenses.

President's Report

April 9 Unit Game: Beth El and First Presbyterian Church are both unavailable for our April 9 Unit Game. Leo will check to see if the game can be held in Reston. The WBL unit game will be closed on April 9 and we may have to consider closing also if we can't find a venue.

GP Policy: Leo stated the GP policy that he would like to see in place: GPs play free and get a free play to use at a later date. The Board agreed to do this on a trial basis.

Transition to Chief Director: Our new Unit Game Chief Director is Gene Schuyler, and he will be in charge of the March 12 game. We do not have a Deputy Director yet. The Board discussed options, and Herb will discuss this matter with Gene.

Next Board Meeting: Members agreed that the next NVBA Board meeting will be Tuesday, April 7. Alan will see if Westwood Country Club is available again.

Vice President's Report

Budget: Alan distributed a list of major line items that are currently authorized in our budget and the individuals responsible for each expenditure. The line items are: Free Plays, rent, directors and caddies, game supplies, game fees, food & beverages, miscellaneous, holiday party, 199er birthday party, LM/NLM game, annual meeting, sectional expenses and administrative expenses. The Board discussed some items that may not be on the list. Alan recommended that everyone who spends money for the NVBA be given a list of the current budget expenses and asked to provide estimates for the coming year so we can develop a realistic budget.

Nominating Committee: Our slate of candidates for the five Board vacancies is:

Bob Boyd, President

Directors: Bruce Houston, who will run for another term, Paul Black, Virginia Gibbons, and David Banh.

Jennifer Nisenoff will resign as an Executive Director and assume the position of Board Secretary.

Leo will get a brief bio and a photo from each candidate for publication in the next NVBA Newsletter.

Other Business

Annual Meeting: Board members agreed that the May 7 NVBA Annual Meeting will start with dinner at 5:30, meeting at 6:30 and game at 7:15. It will be an NABC Fund game so an extra \$1 will be charged. The Board also chose the awardee for this year's Dave Murray Award.

Free Plays: Jennifer needs more detailed information about free plays used at the Unit Game in order to compile accurate free play statistics. Livingston has been getting the free play coupons, so he will send them to Jennifer and she will tally them. Alan reported that we are about 175 free plays over what was budgeted for the Unit Game this year, but there were 450 budgeted for Sectionals and only 328 have been used to date. Leo guesses that about 80% of free plays are redeemed.

Mailing: Ron would like to do a mailing to promote the Thursday evening 199er game, targeting all members who have played over the past five years. The Board agreed to the mailing.

Leo adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15. There was no executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary